

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-1172**

**Annie Houck Byerly House**

**5239 Byerly Road**

**Upperco, Baltimore County**

**Ca. 1890**

**Private**

The circa 1890 Annie Houck Byerly House, which was built circa 1890, is representative of late 19th century and early 20th century domestic architecture located in small towns throughout the northwestern portion of Baltimore County. It dates to a period of Fowlesburg's growth and development from a largely residential community to a stop along the Western Maryland Railroad. The 1850 county atlas reveals that Fowlesburg, while still a thriving residential community, had not yet been provided a name. By 1877, the small community, named for the Fowle family, included a schoolhouse and tavern. The nearby town of Upperco, similarly named for one of the area's predominant families, was the location of a general store and Methodist Episcopal Church. A tollgate was located between the two communities on Hanover Turnpike, a branch of the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike. Between 1877 and 1915, the Western Maryland Railroad was developed through the towns of Fowlesburg and Upperco, resulting in a greater economic vitality throughout the area.

The two-and-a-half-story vernacular wood frame dwelling sits on a random rubble stone foundation and fronts north on the southeast corner of the intersection of Byerly Road and Old Hanover Road. The three-bay-wide building is clad in vinyl siding and features a four-bay-wide wrap-around porch with wood Tuscan columns. The side gable roof is intersected by a central cross gable. The width of the façade is spanned by a boxed, molded cornice with gable-end returns. A reconstructed stretcher bond interior end brick chimney bisects the north elevation of the main block. A two-and-a-half-story, two-bay-deep ell extends to the south flush with the west elevation of the main block. A shed-roofed addition projects from the rear of the ell.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1172

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Annie Houck Byerly House (preferred)  
other Blacksmith's Dwelling

### 2. Location

street and number 5239 Byerly Road not for publication  
city, town Upperco vicinity  
county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Adam M. Gryglik and Joyce A. Blair  
street and number 5239 Byerly Road telephone Not Available  
city, town Upperco state MD zip code 21155

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 8986 folio 590  
city, town Towson tax map 31 tax parcel 188 tax ID number 0413056360

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory  
1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The circa 1890 Annie Houck Byerly House is a two-and-a-half-story vernacular wood frame dwelling that sits on a random rubble stone foundation and fronts north on the southeast corner of the intersection of Byerly Road and Old Hanover Road. The three-bay-wide building is clad in vinyl siding and features a four-bay-wide wrap-around porch with wood Tuscan columns. The side gable roof is intersected by a central cross gable. The width of the façade is spanned by a boxed, molded cornice with gable-end returns. A reconstructed stretcher bond interior end brick chimney bisects the north elevation of the main block. A two-and-a-half-story, two-bay-deep ell extends to the south flush with the west elevation of the main block. A shed-roofed addition projects from the rear of the ell. The façade features a side entry with a flush-and-lighted single-leaf metal door with a one-light transom and five 1/1 vinyl windows. One round-arched 1/1 vinyl window with a multi-light vinyl fan pierces the intersecting gable peak. All façade openings have vinyl surrounds and sills.

To the south of the dwelling is a one-story, one-bay square wood frame shed clad in German siding. The circa 1890 building has a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles, a parged concrete foundation and a single-leaf door clad in German siding.

To the northwest of the dwelling is a one-story, two-bay wide circa 1960 concrete block garage with a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The façade is pierced by two sash-and-paneled roll-up wood doors.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1890 ca.

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1890 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The dwelling, which was built in the late 1800s by Annie I. Houck Byerly, is representative of late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century domestic architecture located in small towns throughout the northwestern portion of Baltimore County. It dates to a period of Fowblesburg's growth and development from a largely residential community to a stop along the Western Maryland Railroad. The 1850 county atlas reveals that Fowblesburg, while still a thriving residential community, had not yet been provided a name. By 1877, the small community, named for the Fowble family, included a school house and tavern. The nearby town of Upperco, similarly named for one of the area's predominant families, was the location of a general store and Methodist Episcopal Church. A toll gate was located between the two communities on Hanover Turnpike, a branch of the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike, which replaced the Old Hanover Road as the primary route from Baltimore to Hanover in Carroll County. Between 1877 and 1915, the Western Maryland Railroad was developed through the towns of Fowblesburg and Upperco, resulting in a greater economic vitality throughout the area.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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*Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland*, Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.

*Map of Baltimore County*. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.

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Scharf, Thomas J. *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*. Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.

Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys*. Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .75 acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since circa 1890, the Annie Houck Byerly House has been associated with the .75 acre known as parcel 188 of tax map 31 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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F 0456  
G 0456 BECKER TAVERN  
16323 HANOVER PIKE  
UPPERCO  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

PATAPSCO 3.5 MI.  
HOUCKSVILLE 0.5 MI.

USGS Quad: HAMPSTEAD  
Scale: 1:24,000



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GATE KEEPER'S HOUSE  
15405 HANOVER PIKE  
UPPERCO  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

F 0467  
FOWBLESBURG INN  
15401 HANOVER PIKE  
UPPERCO  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

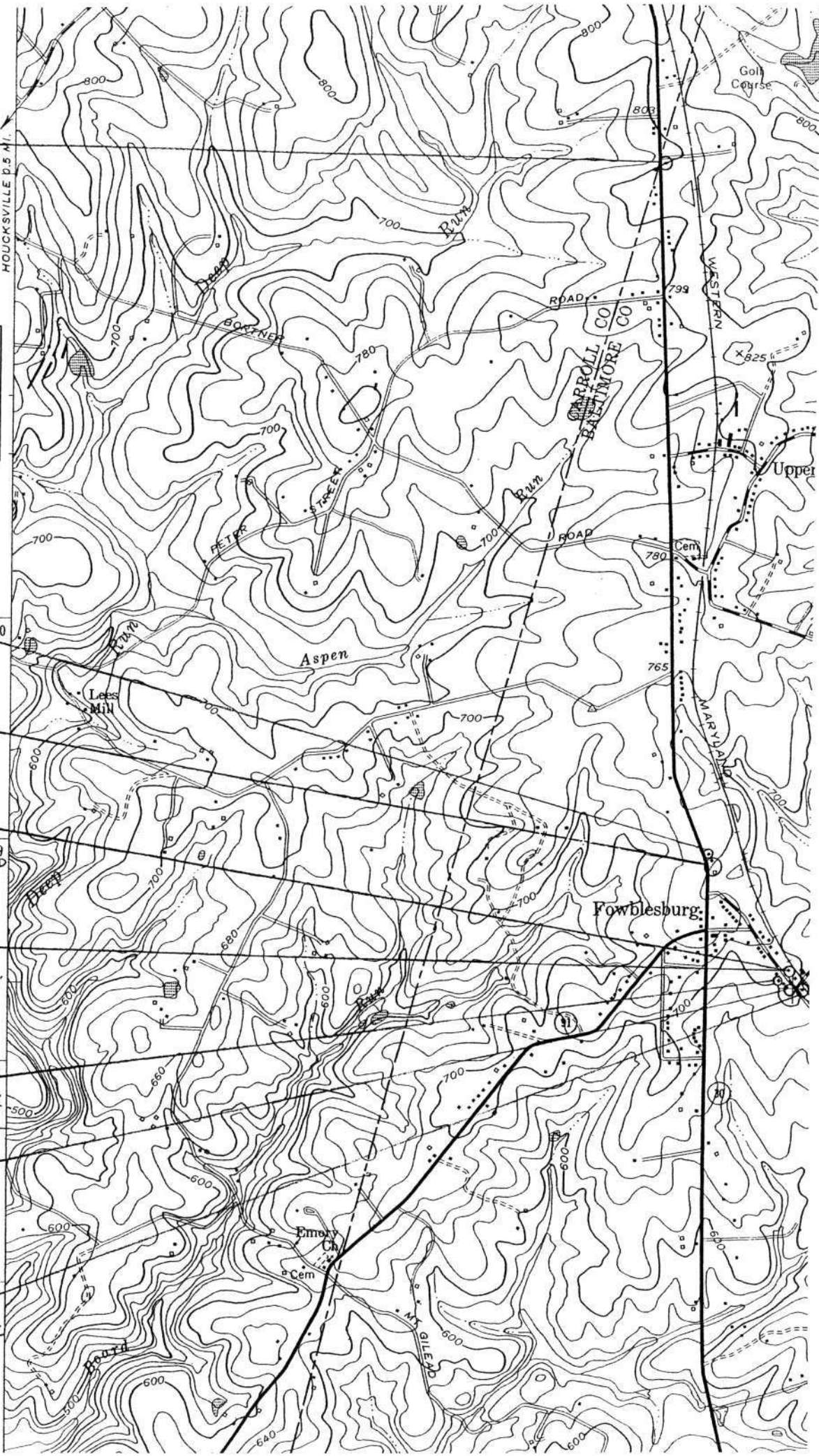
BA-1169  
DAVIS STORE  
15209 OLD HANOVER ROAD  
UPPERCO  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1170  
DAVIS FEED MILL  
15209 OLD HANOVER RD 32'30"  
UPPERCO  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1174  
ARMER'S + MERCHANTS BANK  
5204 OLD HANOVER ROAD  
UPPERCO  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1173  
THE PARSONAGE  
5200 OLD HANOVER ROAD  
UPPERCO  
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ANNIE HOUCK BYERLY HOUSE  
239 BYERLY ROAD  
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Dwelling, South elevation, view looking North

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Dwelling, North elevation, view looking South  
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Dwelling, Northwest corner, view looking Southeast

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**BLACKSMITH'S DWELLING** - 1886-96 - 5299 Byerly Road, at SE corner with Old Hanover Road. Frame, 2 story house, with attic, gable roof, back building; three bays wide; vernacular style; composition shingles. Built after 1886 by Annie I. Houck Byerly; found on 1896 tax list. Inherited by her husband William Byerly. In 1941 article was home of Ben Clark, a blacksmith, who died in 1953. Owner: George W. Miller.